

MINUTES
MOUNT VERNON CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 2015

The Mount Vernon City Council met August 3, 2015 at the Mount Vernon City Hall Council Chambers with the following members present: Roudabush, Taylor, Thompson and Hampton.

1. Call to Order. At 6:28 p.m. Mayor James Moore called the meeting to order.
2. Approval of Agenda. Hampton made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Thompson. Carried all.
3. Consent Agenda. Hampton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Thompson. Carried all.
 - a. Approval of minutes of July 20 and July 22, 2015.
 - b. Claims for approval.

ALLIED GLASS PRODUCTS INC	DOOR REPAIR-FD	287.10
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	40.00
BALICEK, RITA	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A,PD	75.00
BARNYARD SCREEN PRINTER LLC	TRIATHELON T-SHIRTS-POOL	172.00
BEIMER, MICHAEL R	MILEAGE-P&A	151.80
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A	40.00
BENHART, SHERRIE	CLEANING SERVICE-P&A,PD	75.00
CENTRAL IOWA DISTRIBUTING	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	408.60
CENTURY LINK	PHONE CHGS-RUT	47.92
CITY TRACTOR CO	MOWER GUARDS-P&REC	69.08
COGRAN SYSTEMS	ONLINE REGISTRATION FEEW-P&REC	60.00
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	INFORMATION SYSTEMS-PW	399.60
ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING CORP	PAGER SERVICE-EMA	11.95
GORDON LUMBER COMPANY	BLDG SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	1,233.95
HAWKEYE READY MIX	SIDEWALK PROJECT-CIP	259.47
HAWKINS, ANNIE	TADPOLE LESSON REFUND-POOL	27.00
IOWA SOLUTIONS INC	DBR BACKUP-ALL DEPTS	330.00
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	TRAINING-FD	25.00
JEREMY ERIE	LISBON ROAD SIDEWALK	2,808.00
KELTEK	LIGHTS/215-FD	49.59
LINN CO-OP OIL CO	FUEL-PW	1,402.11
MENARDS	LED LIGHTS-PRAIRIE/MEM PARK	223.92
MENARDS	SHELVES/POOL HOUSE CLOSET-POOL	176.98
MOORE, JAMES	MILEAGE-P&A	169.05
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-WAT	251.00
MOUNT VERNON BANK & TRUST CO	NSF CHECK-PD	15.00
MOUNT VERNON FIRE DEPARTMENT	TRAINING-FD	25.00
MOUNT VERNON POLICE RESERVES	SPECIAL EVENTS-PD	80.00
NEAL'S WATER CONDITIONING	WATER/SALT-RUT,P&A	63.25
OFFICE OF VEHICLE SERVICES	VEHICLE INSPECTIONS-PD	20.00
PACE SUPPLY	FIRST BASE-P&REC	162.95
PAYROLL	PAYROLL	76,589.09

PHELANS	DESK EXTENSION-WAT,SEW	1,084.80
PHELANS	CABINET/PIGEONHOLE-P&A	964.65
POOL TECH INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	3,220.00
POOL TECH INC	CHEMICALS-POOL	433.00
POOL TECH INC	EQUIPMENT-POOL	180.95
SAM'S CLUB #8162	SUPPLIES-POOL	625.01
SAM'S CLUB #8162	SUPPLIES	337.52
SANDERS, KATEY	SWIM DIAPERS-POOL	10.69
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	2,675.00
SIMMONS PERRINE MOYER BERGMAN	LEGAL FEES-P&A	540.00
ST LUKE'S WORK WELL SOLUTIONS	DRUG TEST-PW	38.00
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES-ALL DEPTS	649.35
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	SUPPLIES-P&A	46.72
STAPLES ADVANTAGE	TIME CLOCK,RIBBON-POOL	415.47
US BANK	SUPPLIES,SOFTWARE,MISC-ALL DEPTS	1,497.96
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE-ALL DEPTS	561.60
USA BLUE BOOK	TESTS-WAT	654.97
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LISBON ROAD HMA OVERLAY	104,412.49
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 STREET IMPROVEMENTS	30,154.36
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRAIRIE PARK WTP FILTER REPLACEMENT	1,712.55
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 SANITARY SEWER GENERAL SERVICE	1,388.78
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	POOL FILTER EVALUATION	1,012.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	SIDEWALK REPAIR PROJECT	1,010.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	CITY ENGINEERING GENERAL	568.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	ST SEWER/DRAINAGE PRELIM EVALUATION	426.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	2015 INTAKE REPLACEMENT	400.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	WAGON PASS EVALUATION	390.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	STORAGE FACILITY SITE PLAN	312.75
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	8TH AVE QUIET ZONE CONSULTATION	284.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	1ST ST/1ST AVE SIGNAL INSTALLATION	284.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LISBON ROAD SIDEWALK	142.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PALISADES ROAD EVALUATION	142.00
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	LISBON ROAD HMA OVERLAY GEN SERVICE	97.60
VEENSTRA & KIMM INC	PRAIRIE PARK WTP FILTER REPLACEMENT	41.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED INC	CHEMICALS-WAT	3,637.50
WENDLING QUARRIES	ROAD STONE-RUT,WAT	164.06
	TOTAL	246,264.94

4. Open forum: each citizen limited to 5 minutes per discussion item.
5. Mayor's comments. Thank you to all volunteers, City Staff and Police who helped with Ragbrai. Mayor Moore made a public apology to Council person Taylor for comments that he made at the previous (7-20-15) council meeting.
6. City Administrator Report. Staff is starting on the audit. Beimer said that he received a letter from Iowa Municipal Workers Compensation Association. This is the company that takes care of the City's workers comp claims and safety review. They were pleased with the City's' responses to their concerns but made it very clear that there will most likely be a sizeable increase in the premium due to the frequency and the dollar amount of the claims. Beimer sent an email to Ed

Sauter, Leah Rogers and Guy Booth (MVHPC) asking that they consider putting the Mickey Woods mural on the east wall of chambers. It will be difficult to see if it is hung behind council. Until a decision is made the panels will be stored in the old fire station. Last week The Sun erred when it was reported that the work (curb and gutter) the City is considering on the south side of Lisbon Road (approx 500') will cost an additional \$500,000.00 which equates to about \$1,000.00 per foot. The second error Beimer said he wanted to correct was from a Letter to the Editor. In the letter it was written that he (Beimer) stated that 5% of the City's constitutional debt limit is \$12.5 million, the City has "used up" \$9.5 million to date leaving \$3 million and it was his recommendation to keep 20% on hand for emergencies or \$2.5 million. The author of the letter said the City had \$10 million in remaining debt capacity. That statement is not correct. Beimer stated that if the City were looking at a \$2.5 million bond issue for the community center the current bonds would have to be paid down until at least fiscal year 2017 or 2018 in order to maintain the debt issuance reserve capacity of 20%.

7. Parks and Recreation Director Report. Summer staff is working on various projects; painting dugouts, repairing ball fields, mulching and cleaning out storage sheds and concession stands. The water meal growth at Nature Park Quarry will be treated next spring with a product called Sonar. The Park and Rec's 5 year CIP plan has been completed and submitted to the city administrator. The Board is assessing the pool's open/close policy as it relates to the water temperature and outside air temperature. Linn County Dept. of Public Health contacted staff in regards to an individual that tested positive for Shigellosis. Pool staff immediately bleached restroom and deck areas. Water samples were sent to the lab with results coming back negative. Pool renovation suggestions will be discussed with Council at the second meeting in August. Work continues on the Master Parks Plan.
8. Opening of sealed bids received for used Fire Department tanker truck and possible award. Discussion and possible action. One bid was received from the City of Bussey, Iowa for \$2,003.24. Beimer recommended accepting the bid. Hampton made a motion to accept the \$2,003.24 bid for the Fire Department tanker truck from Bussey, Iowa, seconded by Thompson. Carried all. *NOTE: On Tuesday (8-4-15) it was discovered that the City had received a second sealed bid but was not reported, therefore, a special meeting will be held Wednesday (8-5-15) at 1:00 p.m. to open said second bid. Whoever submits the higher bid will be notified.
9. Discussion and possible action on handling, disposal and sale of scrap metal collection for Mt. Vernon bulky item disposal. Hampton explained that he thought this was thoroughly discussed at the previous council meeting but since then he has more information and asked that either the city attorney or city administrator ask the State Auditor to review. Motion made by Hampton to have Mike (city administrator) or Bob (city attorney) contact the State Auditor to have this case reviewed, seconded by Taylor. Those voting in favor were Thompson, Taylor and Hampton. Those voting against were Roudabush. Motion passes.
10. Consideration and possible action on whether Council intends to make an appointment or special election to fill the Council seat vacancy left by the resignation of William Niemi. Beimer

said that since it appears that Council is going to appoint someone to fill the vacancy left by Bill Niemi City. Attorney Hatala prepared a draft resolution. Beimer proceeded to read the resolution: A resolution giving notice that the City of Mount Vernon, Iowa intends to fill the vacancy on the City Council left open by the resignation of William Niemi by appointment.

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Mt. Vernon, Iowa, that the vacancy left by the resignation of William Niemi on July 16, 2015 will be filled by appointment at Council's meeting on August 17, 2015 at 6:30 p. m. at City Hall in Mt. Vernon, Iowa. Notice as required by Iowa Code Section 372.13. The member appointed will serve until the next regular city election. If within fourteen days after publication of the notice or within fourteen days after the appointment is made, there is filed with the Mt. Vernon City Clerk a petition which requests a special election to fill the vacancy, the appointment to fill the vacancy will be temporary and the council shall call a special election to fill the vacancy permanently as set out in Iowa Code Section 372.13(b). Taylor said that at the last meeting she had made the recommendation that Council appoint the individual who received the next highest votes in the last election. After much discussion that didn't happen and Council moved in the direction of a special election. Taylor was opposed to the idea of spending \$3,000.00 for such a short term. She is glad that there will not be an election but still prefers the appointment come from the last election. In that election that person was Marty Christensen. She said she will support an appointment but wanted to make her point clear. Roudabush said that he contacted Dick Peters and he said that he would be "more than willing" to serve out the term. He has been a mayor of the town, council member, and constable. He has worked with the school system and Cornell. Roudabush said he would like to make a motion giving notice on the intent to appoint as read in the resolution by Beimer, seconded by Thompson. Roll call vote. Motion carries 4-0. Resolution passes.

11. Report on bids and possible action to award contract for 2015 Street Improvements. Discussion and possible action. Bids were received until 2:00 p.m. on July 27, 2015 for the 2015 Street Improvements project. Three bids were received. The project was divided into three scopes with the bid costs determining which scope the City would accept. The low bid for all three project scopes and the alternate bid was submitted by Ricklefs Excavating, LTD. Following review of the bids V & K met with City Staff to discuss selection of a project scope for award. Scope 1 was eliminated due to storm water concerns on 3rd Avenue between 3rd Street and 6th Street. With the storm water problems present staff felt it would be a waste of taxpayers' money to reconstruct the street only to have to tear up later. Scope 2 was evaluated by Staff and is recommended for award. Scope 2 includes all proposed work on 5th Avenue and the first two blocks of improvements on 3rd Avenue. The improvements included in Scope 2 will add storm sewer along 5th Avenue and will replace intakes to address concerns with drainage. Plus Scope 2 was bid about \$225k less than the engineers total estimate. The bid includes about \$134k in engineering fees and \$90k in contingency. The alternate bids that were submitted were only to be considered if Scope 3 was the recommendation. Taylor said that she favored Option 3. With the new Sustainability Advisory Committee being recently formed they need time to gather information on the whole NW area side of Mount Vernon. The committee has made a request to get the names of residents who live on that side of town and who have had storm water problems in the

past. Taylor asked if there was anyone who lives on 5th Avenue that has been impacted by storm water and if the project would be impacted if that information was completed first. Beimer said he was not aware of anyone. Taylor said she wasn't trying to slow down the project but just wanted more information on the area. Emily Linebaugh (representing V&K) explained that the City has 30 days to consider the bids if that is a concern; it will not impact the bids. Veenstra & Kimm recommended that the City award the construction contract for Project Scope 2 to Ricklefs Excavating, LTD in the amount of the bid of \$902,281.35. Motion to accept V & K's recommendation was made by Roudabush, seconded by Hampton. Roll call vote. Those voting yes: Thompson, Roudabush, Hampton. Those voting against: Taylor. Motion carries 3-1.

12. Engineer Update Report. V & K Engineering provide Council with an update on current projects: 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue Reconstruction was discussed in Agenda item #11. Water Plant Improvements: project was awarded to Portzen Construction at the July 20, 2015 council meeting. Construction is scheduled to be completed next spring.

13. Old Business. None.

14. New Business. None.

As there was no further business to attend to the meeting adjourned, the time being 7:12, August 3, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Ripke
City Clerk

Reviewed and approved,
Michael R. Beimer
City Administrator